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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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**Introductory Comments**

In response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2005, Applicants amend their claims, submit remarks, and request reconsideration of their application as amended.

This response contains the following sections, each beginning on a separate sheet:

**Claim Amendments, and Remarks**

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